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"DOH Working to Address Dengue Fever Epidemic"

Members from the Department of Health will be conducting community outreach programs to educate local residents about the current dengue fever epidemic.

Dengue fever is a potentially fatal communicable disease that is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms include: fever, severe headaches, pains in the body and joints, nausea, vomiting, eye pain, and rash.

In the last two weeks, 22 more cases of dengue have been confirmed, bringing the total number of cases to 51 so far this year. The numbers are expected to increase if preventive measures aren't taken, to include the disposal of anything that can hold standing water where the mosquitoes are known to breed.

Between 2003 and 2006, only 3 cases of dengue fever were reported. DOH medical director Dr. Ivan Tuliau says that they will be working with the ASCC Land Grant Program, as well as the Office of Samoan Affairs, to coordinate dates when the DOH epidemiology team can visit different villages to promote awareness.

Pamphlets with important information about the disease are also expected to be distributed.

The last time a dengue fever epidemic struck the territory was 2001 and 2002 when a total of 1778 cases were reported.

Efforts are being made by the Department of Health to hold informative sessions all across the territory, as a way to educate the local population.

If not controlled, dengue fever will claim lives as it did a few years ago when some of the victims were young children. Parents, adults, teachers, and day care providers are reminded to keep children away from places with standing water.

"Applying personal preventive measures and controlling mosquito populations around homes are essential for disease prevention," said a DOH statement. "Village clean-up to minimize mosquito breeding sites are necessary for controlling the dengue fever outbreak in Tutuila."

The Department of Health once again recommends following the 3D's of Dengue Prevention to protect one's self and their families:

"Village clean-up to minimize mosquito breeding sites are necessary for controlling the dengue fever outbreak in Tutuila."

1. **DRAIN** standing water around the house that may serve as mosquito breeding sites.
 - Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water so limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by getting rid of items that hold water.
 - Tires, drums, buckets, old appliances, and ice cream containers are the most common breeding sites for disease spreading mosquitoes in American Samoa.
2. **DRESS** protectively by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, sock, and shoes.
 - Covering exposed skin can limit contact with potentially infected mosquitoes.
3. **DEET** - Use a mosquito repellent containing "DEET" on exposed skin.

No dengue vaccine is available, and everybody is at risk of getting the disease. More information about dengue fever or other communicable diseases can be obtained by calling the DOH Communicable Disease Program at 633-4627 or 633-4606.

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ASCC Nursing Students Conduct Island-wide Survey to Fight Filariasis

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Pictured: ASCC Nursing instructor Patricia Brooks (third right), along with students and non-student volunteers, are seen here preparing for an evening of filariasis surveys in the community.

(Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

Faculty and students from the Nursing Department at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) will soon conclude a two week project assisting the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health (DOH) in the effort to eliminate lymphatic filariasis (LF) in American Samoa. The project, which got underway on June 22, involves teams from the Nursing Department visiting individual homes in Tutuila to conduct a survey which determine the infection levels of LF within the Territory. The data collected in these surveys will assist the DOH in determining whether to continue or to conclude its yearly mass distribution of drugs to treat LF, which has taken place in American Samoa over the last five years.

Nursing Department instructor Patricia Brooks explained that the Nursing students typically attend classes and clinical rotations at LBJ Hospital during the day, and then go out to the villages to conduct the survey in the evening. Five or six nursing students participate daily, accompanied by community volunteers Emily Ilaoa of Land Grant and Nellie Montenegro, who contribute their respective expertise as an experienced lab technician and certified midwife.

Describing the survey process for each household, Brooks said, "We first explain the survey and get verbal consent to participate. Then we give a quick test for filariasis to everyone in the household. This involves a finger stick similar to the diabetic testing. If someone tests positive for LF, then we have to take another blood sample from them and make a slide which goes to the CDC headquarters in Georgia. Finally, we distribute pills for LF to anyone in the household who requires treatment. If any family members are missing at the time of the testing, we refer them to the local clinic in order to be tested."

The Nursing students also share information with each family on how they can protect themselves from mosquito transmitted diseases such as filariasis and dengue fever. Brooks said that so far the household visits have proceeded smoothly, despite some unavoidable difficulties. "We must find the 400 randomly selected houses from GPS maps given to us," she explained. "This often proves quite a challenge, as no roads or houses have numbers. Working at night, we often find ourselves in areas with very little light and lots of dogs. However, we've found most of the households very cooperative, and they seem grateful that we've come to them to do the testing."

Brooks emphasized that in addition to providing crucial data for DOH, the survey process gives the Nursing students a rare opportunity to learn firsthand about putting public health policy into action. "They've had to quickly master the art of customer service in dealing with the public, especially when families express apprehension about testing positive for LF, or when they encounter someone who refuses the test. The test is voluntary, so the students let people know they have the right to refuse, and do not force anyone to take it. The students also practice good employee habits like working as a team, making a schedule, keeping supplies organized, keeping results correct, and completing all their work on time"

In May 1997, the World Health Assembly passed a resolution calling for the global elimination of LF as a public health problem by the year 2020. Shortly afterwards the Pacific Program for the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (PacELF) was formed to eliminate the disease in the Pacific Region by the year 2010 through a strategy of 5 annual rounds of mass drug administration (MDA) with diethylcarbamazine (DEC) and albendazole.

PacELF surveys conducted in 1999 demonstrated that 17% of residents in 18 villages in American Samoa were infected with *Wuchereria bancrofti*, the parasite that causes lymphatic filariasis. This established American Samoa as one of the countries with the highest filariasis infection levels in the Pacific Region and the only U.S. Territory known to be endemic for LF.

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Department of Public Works Does Preliminary Field Work for Several Proposed Projects

The Department of Public Works has already surveyed and conducted field work at different sites with projects that fall under the \$16-million-dollar program funding.

Altogether, a total of 18 projects, in both Tutuila and Manu'a, are listed under the program, which were detailed in a letter from Public Works Director, Taeaotui Punafo Tilei, to Abraham Wong of the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (Hawaii Division), and territorial representative Pat Phung.

Some of the proposed projects that have already been surveyed and are ready for the design phase include the road from the Procurement Office heading towards Petesa Uta, the Aua village road off of Route I heading north approximately 700 linear feet, and the Fagasa village road which includes the design and construction of approximately 1,100 linear feet of unpaved road with shoreline protection of 500 linear feet along the coast, off of Route 005 to the end of Fagale'a. By the first week of July, surveyors from Public Works would have already surveyed the Pago Pago village road the leads to the ASPA water tank (across from the Pago Park restaurants).

This particular project will include road reconstruction and drainage improvement from the main Route 01 intersection heading towards the ASPA water tank, covering a distance of approximately 1,900 linear feet.

By mid-July, Public Works will be surveying the Auma village road (an inner village road in Leone).

According to Taeaotui, with good weather and timely performance by the engineers and Public Works staff, the roadway improvement projects listed under the program should be completed in the next year.

An Indoor Firing Range for American Samoa?

An indoor firing range for American Samoa could become a reality if the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) agrees to fund the proposed project.

Before resigning from his post as Port Administration director, PC Tuitele Fofu and several members of his staff met with FAA officials in Los Angeles in May.

At the meeting, according to Tuitele, they were informed that all of the current major Port projects being funded by the FAA are on schedule. "None of our FAA funding has been jeopardized and we want to keep it that way," Tuitele said. "We have been assured that all of our funding is in good standing and our projects are on schedule."

At the same meeting, Tuitele said that FAA officials had suggested that the Port Administration work on a proposed scope of work for an indoor firing range to be built at the Pago Pago International Airport, with possible funding provided by the FAA.

"This would translate into realization of big savings in transporting DPA personnel to Hawaii every year for certification purposes," Tuitele wrote in a letter to Governor Togiola Tulafono dated June 25, 2007.

Furthermore, Tuitele continued, "our Army Reserve, local police, and the public could utilize our facility with a little fee that could help our airport revenue."

According to Tuitele, Fire and Rescue consultant Ross Riddell is currently working on the scope of work for the proposed firing range to be submitted to the FAA.

DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AMERICAN SAMOA NOTICE TO ASG STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS AND GUARANTORS

All American Samoa Government (ASG) student loan borrowers who received their last student loan disbursement before December 31, 2005, and are qualified for partial repayment waivers up to 50%, will only be able to obtain such waivers if they redocument their loans with DBAS by December 31, 2007.

Parent guarantors for ASG student loans are encouraged to immediately assist your children who are ASG student loan borrowers so they can get the repayment waivers they are qualified for and avoid adverse reports to the credit bureaus and other legal action.

Another incentive to pay for your ASG student loans now rather than later is that you may be qualified for a student loan interest deduction of up to \$2000 (two thousand dollars) on your next income tax return. Please contact Jason Betham or to make payment arrangements.

Phase II, Fagatogo to Pago Plaza Road Reconstruction Project

The long awaited Phase II reconstruction project that extends from the Pago Plaza to the Fagatogo Fire Station will commence once the Department of Public Works receives the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the American Samoa Power Authority.

Public Works Director, Taeaotui Punafo Tilei, says that the project will be broken down into different phases, the first of which will address the drainage work.

The second phase will involve the construction of the asphalt road, which will be sole sourced to McConnell Dowell, as they are the only local contractors that can provide such service.

“Breaking the project down in phases will prove to be cheaper for us in the long run,” Taeaotui said. The Phase II project is estimated to cost over \$4 million and the finish work will be similar to that of the main highway strip that runs from the Port Administration all the way up to Avau.

Once the issue with the MOU is settled, the Phase II project will be put out for a re-bid and work will commence soon thereafter.

New Concrete Road from the Ofu Airport to Asaga Bridge

The ongoing project to construct a new concrete road from the Ofu airport to Asaga Bridge has taken longer than expected, as the boat transporting the loads of mix and dirt to the Manu’a Island no longer permits the load to be dumped straight unto the vessel as was the practice in prior years.

Instead, the mix and dirt are now loaded into small bags before they are delivered to Ofu.

Employees from the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Division of the Department of Public Works are carrying out the job and according to Public Works director Taeaotui Punafo Tilei, the project is about 40% completed.

“The project is moving - slowly but surely,” Taeaotui said. He added that dealing with smaller bags of mix as opposed to dumping the whole load at the site of the project makes for more work, resulting in precious time being lost.

Ofu, Manu’a is the site of one of the 18 roadway improvement projects listed under the \$16-million-dollar program funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Mt. Tumu Road project includes the design and construction of approximately 15,840 linear feet (3 miles) of unpaved village road heading towards the old TV and ASTCA facilities in Ofu.

Department of Port Administration Projects Status

Prior to his resignation as Port Administration director to take on the Fofu County seat in the Senate, PC Tuitele Fofu wrote to Governor Togiola Tulafono advising him of the status of ongoing projects for 2007-2008, for all seaports and airports in Tutuila and Manu’a.

According to Tuitele, the biggest project so far is the Runway 8-26 Rehabilitation project which is expected to be completed by October 2, 2007.

The project is being carried out by McConnell Dowell and Fulton Hogan, at a price tag of \$6,418,910.97

The apron rehabilitation design, prepared by Beca Pacific, is expected to be completed by October.

Beca Pacific has already completed the design for the taxiway alpha rehabilitation project and the Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) rapid response road – both of which are expected to commence some time in July, after cost estimates are received from McConnell Dowell and Fulton Hogan.

In addition, the Hot Fire Training Facility at the Pago Pago International Airport is expected to be completed nine months after the Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued on July 16.

The new jet bridge and ramp node for the Pago Pago International Airport is currently in the design phase, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved funding for the two jet bridges. The jet bridges will be constructed during the apron rehabilitation project at the end of this year. The new jet bridge design will accommodate the future, more modern, airport terminal.

Scrap Metal Yard Must Go, But No FAA Funding Available for It's Removal

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has expressed interest in funding more airport development projects at the current location of the scrap metal yard located next to the Pago Pago International Airport.

This means that the scrap metal yard needs to be removed, but no FAA funding has been allocated for the job.

The American Samoa Power Authority, the Department of Port Administration, and other ASG agencies are working hard to remove and clean up the scrap metal yard within the next two years.

The scrap metal yard falls under the Cargo/Maintenance Precinct Development Plan and the project is set to commence in July 2008.

ASPA is currently advertising for Request for Proposals (RFP), and the deadline is July 23, 2007.

Interested parties are to submit proposals to evaluate, negotiate, and contract for organizing, bailing, and removing the scrap metal, tires, and all other materials, and disposing of it off-island.

Former Port Administration director PC Tuitele Fofu said that the scrap metal yard is not only an eyesore, but it also causes problems with radio transmissions between the airport and aircrafts, incoming and outgoing.

"Nowhere else in the world will you find a scrap metal yard located only several feet away from an airport. It needs to be relocated," Tuitele said. "The area definitely needs to be cleaned up and the debris removed."

According to Tuitele, failure to remove the scrap metal yard from its current location will result in American Samoa losing its funding from the FAA.

He said that the FAA wants to erect revenue generating facilities in that same area, some of which may include hangars and warehouses to rent out.

"The airport business needs these kinds of facilities to generate revenue but we can't get anything going until the scrap metal yard is removed," Tuitele concluded.

Environmental Study of Ta'u Harbor

The American Samoa Government will not need to provide any matching funds for the \$390,000 award from the Army Corps of Engineer to fund the environmental study of Ta'u Harbor under the Planning Assistance to States Program.

Former Port Administration director PC Tuitele Fofu submitted a request to the Army Corps of Engineers two years ago in 2005 under Section 1156 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, and the result is an award that does not require any matching funds.

Meanwhile, McConnell Dowell has already been mobilized to dredge the harbors in Ofu and Ta'u, at a price tag of \$1.9 million.

Tuitele said that the Fotu-o-Samoa is scheduled to take the first load of supplies for the job which will commence during the second week of July. Ofu Harbor will be dredged first.

Tuitele said that it is fitting to build a ramp in Ofu for the MV Sili "because right now, the dock is too high," he said. "A ladder is needed to disembark and to unload things on to the wharf." Tuitele added that a study for a new configuration needs to take place to ensure that the boats can fit through when they sail into the harbor.

American Samoa Government is controlling its spending

According to the Treasury Department's Financial Overview for May 2007, the American Samoa Government is controlling its spending, as far as local funds are concerned.

According to a summary submitted to Governor Togiola Tulafono by ASG Treasurer Velega Savali, of the 35 departments, agencies, and other sources listed in the report, only 11 exceeded their spending compared to the same time last year.

For every \$1 received for local funds in May, approximately \$1.06 was spent, meaning that expenditures (\$5,651,894) exceeded revenues (\$5,336,513). But the total expenditures for this year was \$5,651,894, which is significantly lower than last year, which amounted to approximately \$7,271,792. The final figures shows a total savings of \$1,619,898.

Those who exceeded their spending compared to last year were the Judiciary, Local Government, the Department of Commerce, the Public Defender's Office, the Office of Public Information, the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, the Tourism Office, the Department of Administrative Services, Youth and Women's Affairs, the Golf Course, and another category simply noted as "miscellaneous," which raked in the highest increase in expenses from only \$100 in May 2006 to a whopping \$326,854 in May 2007.

Control in spending that has resulted in huge savings can be attributed to the following departments and agencies:

<u>Department</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Governor's Office	\$351,481	\$426,835
Legislature	\$563,239	\$602,110
Treasury	\$361,068	\$436,386
Agriculture	\$67,253	\$80,892
Education	\$1,510,549	\$1,718,053
Legal Affairs	\$178,373	\$322,455
Health	\$136,963	\$141,986
Port Administration	\$165,120	\$180,018
Public Works	\$401,702	\$499,194
Territorial Audit Office	\$10,192	\$17,018
Human Resources	\$79,492	\$87,587
Parks and Recreation	\$49,808	\$63,461
Public Safety	\$426,178	\$460,603
Budget Office	\$50,670	\$59,316
Arts Council	\$0	\$1,995
TAOA	\$0	\$0
Procurement	\$73,442	\$86,251
Elections	\$17,386	\$20,053
DHSS	\$0	\$54,505
Property Management	\$25,998	\$32,292
OTICIDE	\$9,682	\$12,258
Law Office	\$10,220	\$16,986
Public Market	\$11,733	\$13,253
Funds Transfer	\$326,854	\$1,439,952

Not only did expenditures this year decrease compared to last year, the total spending for May 2007 was also lower than May 2005 which totaled approximately \$6,422,877.

Ta'u Dispensary

Six months into the construction of the Ta'u Dispensary, Department of Public Works Director, Taeaotui Punafofo Tilei, says he had no choice but to terminate the project contract which was awarded to Tupuola Filipo Leuta and Union Construction Company last year.

"The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued in December and to this day, the contractor has done nothing except demolish the old structure," Taeaotui said.

The project was scheduled to be completed within 210 days from the NTP date.

The Architectural and Engineering Division of Public Works is responsible for construction management and in his position as director, Taeaotui terminated the contract and recommended that E&W Construction be contracted to finish the job.

On May 29, Chief Procurement Officer Seui Laau wrote to Taeaotui saying that after reviewing the bid file, he discovered that RM Construction, not E&W Construction, was the next lowest bidder.

"I have determined that it would only be fair that a thorough evaluation of RM Construction's ability to perform this contract take place prior to any negotiations with E&W Construction," Seui wrote. "I find it problematic that RM Construction is being precluded from being awarded a project on the sole basis of the number of other projects awarded void of documented evidence to support this judgment."

Taeaotui said that since Seui's letter was forwarded to him, both RM Construction and E&W Construction have submitted new proposals for the contract, and E&W Construction's bid was lower.

"The final decision is now in the hands of CPO Seui," Taeaotui explained.

On May 8, Taeaotui wrote to Tupuola and Union Construction, informing them of his recommendation to terminate their contract. "Unfortunately, we have not heard from you nor did you address the issues in the letter," Taeaotui wrote in a follow up letter dated June 21.

"As a matter of fact, the NTP was issued to you on Dec. 11, 2006 and the contract stipulated the construction time will be seven months from the NTP date. Unfortunately, six months have passed and there has been no substantial work accomplished except the demolition of the existing building, and the purchase and delivery of concrete masonry units, steel re-bars and some form of lumber to the job site."

Taeaotui continued, "In accordance with Article 14 TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT sub-article 14.2 and in my capacity as director of the Department of Public Works, your contract is now terminated with the American Samoa Government for sufficient causes effective immediately."

Tupuola then submitted Payment Application #3 claiming \$5,000 worth of cement. Taeaotui wrote Tupuola a letter dated June 26, informing him the DPW inspector Pena Tuia verified that the cement in question was not on site when he conducted inventory of materials for the project.

"Therefore, I regret to inform you that we will not compensate you on this claim, nor do you have any more involvement with this project," Taeaotui wrote.

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First Trade Mission to Tokelau

Before he sailed the MV Sili to Tokelau late last month, skipper Captain Wally Thompson described the first trade mission between American Samoa and Tokelau a "historical event," and hopefully the first of many to come.

The MV Sili set sail for Tokelau on June 22 with supplies that included thousands of gallons of diesel fuel, unleaded gasoline, kerosene, and 15 drums of lubricant oil during the inaugural voyage to open up trade between the two islands.

"This is something Governor Togiola Tulafono and many other key officials have been hoping for and now it's finally going to become a reality," said Swains Island Representative Alexander Eli Jennings during an interview at the Port Administration two days before the MV Sili departed from the local port. Over \$50,000 worth of petroleum products were distributed among the three Tokelau atolls and in return, the American Samoa Government will receive funds from the Tokelau Government for payment in chartering the MV Sili.

Last month's trip to Tokelau did not include any passengers, only crew members and supplies.

Scheduled trips to Tokelau are made on a quarterly basis, and it is expected that trade will soon expand to include fisheries and handicrafts.

Island-wide Survey to Fight Filariasis *(from page 2)*

With seed funding from World Health Organization (WHO), the American Samoa Department of Health started MDA in 2000, according to the PacELF strategy. WHO and PacELF guidelines call for island-wide antigen surveys prior to stopping MDA. DOH decided to conduct surveillance this year to determine whether or not MDA can now be stopped.

The CDC requested that the ASCC Nursing Department assist DOH based on their long record of experience with the battle against LF in American Samoa, reflected in activities such as their yearly distribution of filariasis medicine to the public. As Dr. Patrick J. Lammie of the CDC said in a letter to Nursing department chair Lele Mageo, "Your past hard work and commitment to the elimination of filariasis has been greatly appreciated, and we hope you will be able to continue to provide support to this very important program." Since the survey currently in progress will generate the data needed for the CDC and DOH to plan the future direction of LF treatment in American Samoa, much remains at stake as the process draws to a close. As Brooks put it, "Success will be determined after the data has been analyzed."

Ta'u Dispensary *(continued from page 7)*

The dispensary, which carries a price tag of \$490,536, from the Department of Interior - Capital Improvement Project (CIP) earmarked for health, will feature a 3200 square-foot single-story building complete with a morgue, a telemedia station, an office for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, and living quarters for the doctors and nurses. The new dispensary will be built on the same site where the old dispensary was located. The new structure will be modern, with concrete columns and beams, louvered glass, and solid windows.

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On July 4, 1922, the new Governor of American Samoa, Captain Edwin Taylor Pollock, "caused concern in Apia [*i.e.*, among the *Man* and the New Zealand Administration] when he read out the *Declaration of Independence* at the 4 July celebrations, and then had it published, in Samoan, in *O Le Fa'atunu*, the territory's official newsletter."

On July 4, 1942, the U.S. Navy's Mobile Hospital No. 3 ("MOB 3") opened at Mapusaga, with one surgical ward and two patients.

On July 7, 1949, Captain Thomas Francis Darden, Jr. took office as American Samoa's 37th (and last) naval governor (until February 23, 1951).

On July 11, 1911, the Solicitor of the Navy authorized Commander William Michael Crose, who was Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila and Governor of Tutuila, to use the designation "American Samoa." Thus, Crose was the first person to be designated as "Governor of American Samoa," rather than "Governor of Tutuila," although he, and all succeeding naval governors continued also to be designated as "Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila."

On July 11, 1941, the Utah Construction Company began construction of the Tafuna Air Base on Tutuila, as part of the Pacific Naval Air Bases (PNAB) Contract NOy-4173.

On July 11, 1942, Japan's Imperial General Headquarters cancelled the proposed capture of New Caledonia, Fiji and Samoa.

On July 12, 1878, Claude C. Bloch was born in Woodbury, Kentucky. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1899, and, as an Ensign, designed Government House (Navy Building No. 1) at the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila. He was awarded the Navy Cross in World War I, and, as a four-star Admiral, became Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet in 1937. On April 10, 1940, he assumed command of Fourteenth Naval District at Pearl Harbor. Following the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941, Admiral Bloch, along with Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Lieutenant Walter C. Short, was blamed for the disaster.

On July 14, 1904, Tui Manu'a Elisara signed the Deed of Cession, ceding the Manu'a Islands to the United States.

On July 15, 1944, the U.S. Navy's VS-51 (Scouting Squadron 51) detachment "was discontinued at Upolu. All planes and personnel were returned to Tutuila for duty at VS-51 headquarters."

On July 15, 1952, Gary Cooper arrived at Faleolo Airport in Western Samoa to begin filming *Return to Paradise* at Lefaga Beach.

On July 15, 1996, Polynesian Airlines made its first flight from Apia, Western Samoa to Auckland, New Zealand to Auckland, New Zealand to Los Angeles, California to Atlanta, Georgia.

On July 16, 1904, Manua's Deed of Cession, having been signed by Tui Manu'a Elisara on July 14, 1904, was registered at American Samoa's Courthouse by Secretary of Native Affairs Edwin William Gurr.

On July 16, 1952, John C. Elliott took office as American Samoa's second appointed civil governor (until November 23, 1952).

On July 16, 1878, German landing parties from SMS *Ariadne* occupied the harbors of Saluafata and Falealili on 'Upolu.

On July 17, 1931, Captain Gatewood Sanders Lincoln relieved Lieutenant Commander Arthur Tenney Emerson and became American Samoa's 18th naval governor (for the second time; until May 12, 1932). Captain Lincoln and Lieutenant Nathan Woodworth Post (March 14-July 14, 1913 and October 2-December 6, 1914) were the only naval governors who served two non-consecutive terms, Lincoln serving from August 2, 1929-March 24, 1931 and July 17, 1931-May 12, 1932.